

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 10

Introduced by: Senators Staggers, Everist, Hainje, Koetzle, McIntyre, and Munson and
Representatives McCaulley, Abdallah, Davis, Glenski, Heineman, Hennies
(Don), Jaspers, Murschel, Peterson (Bill), Richter, and Wick

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the memory of Arthur Roy McDonald and his
fifty-eight years of life.

WHEREAS, Arthur McDonald successfully pioneered the concept of privately-owned prisons
by establishing three private prisons and fourteen private halfway houses through his company
Eclectic Communications, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald fervently believed that people in prison are also human beings and
should be treated as such; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald gave of his invaluable time and energy to serve as chairman of the
Board of Trustees of the University of Sioux Falls, and to serve as a member of the North American
Baptist Seminary Leadership Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald was first and foremost a loving father to his son, John, and daughter,
Deb Elrich, caring husband to his wife, Barbara Chapman, and a Christian gentleman:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-sixth Legislature of the State
of South Dakota, that Arthur Roy McDonald be remembered for his unselfish contributions not only
to the State of South Dakota, but for the example his life set for us.